November 20, 2008

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloat; Chief Waters; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Supt. Gray; and Amy Moore – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting, as well as those from the Special Session, and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they both be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated the car he currently drives is a 1998 model with 89,000 miles on it, and it is in bad shape. He added he had Ewing's run a list of the amount of work that has been done on it in the past two years, and that amounted to \$3,600.00. He stated he would like permission to get prices on a different vehicle.

Board member Askren asked if he will be looking for a new or used vehicle.

Chief Beloat replied whatever is available, possibly he could get his hands on a turned in leased vehicle, or program car, anything really.

Board consented to Chief Beloat getting prices on replacing his vehicle.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Chief Waters stated he really has no report, only that the State has still not accepted their potential new hire, and he is not sure what the problem is. He added he realizes PERF is slow, but he still has heard nothing. Chief Beloat agreed PERF is very slow.

Chief Waters concluded by stating the vests they ordered are in.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated Supt. Givens is not present today, he is attending schooling in Indianapolis.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller stated in reference to the Kimball Street project, where they St. Dept. will be relocating some of their equipment, they need to extend the packer barn another 20 feet, which is currently going to built 40' x 80'. He added as the Water Department is picking up the tab for the building, the St. Dept. will pick up the tab for the additional 20 feet.

Board member Askren replied they might as well go it now, before construction starts.

Supt. Gray added the original design called for the building to be 36' x 80', but they actually need 36' x 100'. He added Hobgood was down today and looked at the area and have figured the extra cost to be \$10,600.00, for everything, including the concrete floor.

Mayor Tucker suggest they check with Attorney Higgins to be sure on the specifics, and legalities of proceeding.

Board member Askren stated they need to get rolling on this soon, as those diesel trucks do not need to be sitting out in the weather. She then moved they proceed with the expansion, after checking with Attorney Higgins. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray stated he talked with the company in charge of building the salt barn today and they should start work in two weeks.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated Payroll Clerk, Denise Dike, would like permission to pay pensioners, clothing allowances, and sales of vacation with the first pay in December. She added they try to do this every year, in order to alleviate the end of the year back log as well as giving the employees some extra money before Christmas.

Board member Askren moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Askren. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

	John Tucker
	Mayor
ATTEST:	
Cristi L. Wolfe	
Clerk-Treasurer	